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Mr. Blackwell and the gentleman with him, secured a coffin and shroud for the unfortunate woman, and, according to the wishes of Father O'Reilly, she was given a Christian burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Baxley was about 45 years of age, and was a woman of refined and educated. She had lived with her husband for ten years. On account of domestic troubles her husband left her several years ago, since which time she has been living as a single woman. She was a native of the South, and had been married to her husband for ten years.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD AND DESTITUTE

Mrs. Mamie Baxley, with Only 4 Small Children to Assist Her, Dies Wednesday Night.

A sad case of destitution came to light Thursday afternoon, when a little ten-year-old boy came up town and reported that his mother, Mrs. Mamie Baxley, was dead. City Marshall Browne, accompanied by Messrs. J. G. Blackwell, Jas. Kane and W. W. Woodman, went with the little boy to his home on the beach, and found a condition of destitution and neglect that is almost inconceivable in this land of plenty.

They found the body of the unfortunate woman, entirely nude, lying on the bare floor and covered with only a piece of an old blanket. Three little children were in the room, beside the body, who had reported the mother's death. The youngest, a child of a year and half old, was lying in his dead mother's arms. It is stated that the little children had had nothing to eat since Tuesday, but kind-hearted citizens, assisted by Sisters of the convent, soon had sufficient food on hand and did all they could to help them.

Time of her death, the eldest, a boy of ten, who alone cared for his mother as best he could during her last illness. He says she became ill last Saturday, and must have died some time during Wednesday night, as she failed to awaken Thursday morning. The plucky little fellow had written to his Aunt, Mrs. Emma Smith, living near Mobile, that his mother was ill. Mrs. Smith came as quickly as she could, but found her sister dead. She will take the youngest child home with her, but disposition of the other children has not been decided upon. They are at present being cared for at the home of Miss Mamie Lawson.

Perhaps the four children above mentioned Mrs. Baxley leaves two daughters, 12 and 14 years of age, who are at present in a convent in New Orleans.

Our pen falters in a description of so sad an ending of an unfortunate life. It is hard to believe such a thing could happen in our midst, but let us draw the mantle of charity over it all, and hope the poor woman finds the rest and happiness in the next world, denied her in this.

MOTHER MAY HAVE STARVED TO DEATH

**Baby of Eighteen Months Found
Crawling Over the Body.**

PASCAGOULA, Miss., July 29.—
Mrs. Emma Baxley, living on the west end of the beach, in an isolated location, was found dead, supposedly of starvation, at an early hour yesterday morning. In a bare room, on a torn and dirty blanket, with her 18-months-old baby crawling over her body, the woman was found by several citizens who went to investigate when told by a crying child 6 years old something was the matter with his mother. The woman has several other children who are being cared for by an institution in New Orleans.

A subscription list was circulated to pay funeral expenses, buy food and clothing for the children and send them to the orphans' home.

SUCCESSOR SELECTED TO SUCCEED WILCOX

Edmund S. Tunstall, Jr., of Tensasaw, Baldwin county, Ala., will be sworn in Monday as a United States Deputy Marshall by U. S. Marshall C. C. Gowin. Mr. Tunstall supplants former U. S. Deputy C. P. Wilcox, who has joined the Alabama National Guard.

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BAXLEY

Mrs. Mary T. Baxley — A native of Silas, AL and a resident of Mobile, AL for the past 58 years died Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at the family residence. Mrs. Baxley was a 1948 graduate of Choctaw County High School and worked at St. Mary's Home for 34 years. She was a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, past Diocesan President of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women